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SUBJECT: US-GREEK BASE NEGOTIATIONS: PARITY IN PROCUREMENT

FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL TEXT OF LONG-PROMISED GREEK DRAFT LETTER
ON PROCUREMENT PARITY, OBVIOUSLY MODELED AFTER APRIL 7
KISSINGER-CAGLAYANGIL EXCHANGE. FRIDAY AFTERNOON (AUG.
13) GENERAL WORKING GROUP CONVENED INTER ALIA TO SEEK CLARIFI-
CATIONS FROM GREEK SIDE CONCERNING THIS LETTER, AND WE
PROVIDE INITIAL COMMENTS BELOW.

BEGIN TEXT: EXCELLENCY,
I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE DEFENSE COOPERATION
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AGREEMENT, SIGNED (BLANK) BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC

REPUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO CONFIRM THAT DURING THE FIRST FOUR YEARS THE AFORESAID AGREEMENT IS IN FORCE, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL OFFER FOR SALE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC, AT THE LOWEST PRICES CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE UNITED STATES LAW, FROM AVAILABLE STOCKS AT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, THE DEFENSE ARTICLES SET FORTH IN ANNEX "A" ATTACHED HERETO. DELIVERY OF SUCH DEFENSE ARTICLES WILL BE EFFECTED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS PRACTICABLE.

2. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO OFFER FOR SALE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC, AT A FAVORABLE PRICE CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE UNITED STATES LAW, THE DEFENSE ARTICLES SET FORTH IN ANNEX "B" ATTACHED HERETO, FROM NEW PROCUREMENT.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE ABOVE MENTIONED UNDERTAKINGS OF MY GOVERNMENT ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF ARTICLE XIV OF THE AFORESAID DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT, ARE NOT EXCLUSIVE OF ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WHICH MAY BE MADE BY THE PARTIES SURSUANT TO THAT ARTICLE, AND ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH, AND SUBJECT TO, THE PROVISIONS OF THAT AGREEMENT AND WITH CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND THE GENERAL PRACTICES APPLICABLE TO ALL OTHER RECIPIENT COUNTRIES.

IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC, I HAVE THE HONOR TO PROPOSE THAT THIS NOTE, TOGETHER WITH YOUR EXCELLENCY'S NOTE IN REPLY INDICATING SUCH AGREEMENT, SHALL CONSTITUTE AN ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND SHALL ENTER INTO AND REMAIN IN FORCE CONCURRENTLY WITH THE AFORESAID DEFENSE COOPERATIONS AGREEMENT. END TEXT.

BEGIN COMMENT: GREEKS INITIALLY HAD ANNEXED TO THIS
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LETTER TWO VERY SUBSTANTIAL LISTS, BY SERVICE, OF MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION UNWEVER, ON FURTHER RELECTION, THEYDECIDED THAT THE LISTS NEEDED TO BE MADE MORE CONCISE AND SPECIFIC AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, RECASE INTO A SINGLY PRIORITY LIST. THEY STRESSED THE HASTE WITH WHICH THE ANNEXES HAD BEEN COMPOSED, AND PROMISED A REVISED LIST DURING THE RECESS. WE WILL FORWARD THIS REVISION TO WASHINGTON UPON RECEIPT. END COMMENT.

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